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## **EPA National Priorities List**



## METROPOLITAN MIRROR AND GLASS INC.

- PENNSYLVANIA
- EPA ID# PAD982366957
- EPA REGION 3
- Schuylkili County
- Frackville

\*\*\* This fact sheet reflects site information as of: December 1995 \*\*\*

## Site Description

The 8-acre Metropolitan Mirror and Glass Co., Inc. site is located in an industrial area. Metropolitan Mirror manufactured mirrors from 1959 until 1982, when it declared bankruptcy. The site was acquired by the National Patent Development Corp. and then resold in 1987 to St. Jude Polymer Co., which recycles plastic bottles. Current site activities do not involve the disposal of wastes. During its manufacturing operations, Metropolitan Mirror used silver solutions, paint strippers, paint thinner, and other solvents. Wastes resulting from these operations were disposed of in four on-site settling lagoons. The first pair of these lagoons was used before 1967; the second, between 1967 and 1982. Contaminants were first discovered in 1986 in groundwater used by Frackville as a drinking water source. A subsequent investigation conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER) identified Metropolitan Mirror as a possible source of contamination; PADER was unable to confirm this finding. Public and private wells located within 4 miles of the site provide drinking water to an estimated 1,000 people; the nearest well is located within 1 mile of the site. Approximately 3,800 people live within 1 mile of the site.

#### Site Responsibility:

This site is being addressed through Federal actions.

#### NPL LISTING HISTORY

Proposed Date: 02/07/92

Final Date: 10/14/92

#### Threats and Contaminants

Contaminants detected in the lagoon areas and the soils of a drum storage area include aluminum, heavy metals such as mercury and lead, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Site conditions, such as unlined disposal areas, shallow groundwater, and permeable soil, have facilitated the migration of contaminants into the groundwater. The workers of the St. Jude Polymer Co. are at risk of being exposed to contaminants in the soil of the drum storage area.

## Cleanup Approach

This site is being addressed by a long-term remedial phase focusing on cleanup of the entire site.

#### Response Action Status

Entire Site: In 1994, the potentially responsible parties began an investigation into the nature and extent of site contamination. This investigation, scheduled for completion in 1997, will lead to the selection of a final cleanup remedy.

Site Facts: The EPA has completed a search to identify parties potentially responsible for wastes associated with the site. The EPA is now working with the identified parties to solicit their participation in cleaning up the site.

## **Environmental Progress**

Initial investigations indicate the Metropolitan Mirror and Glass Co., Inc. site poses no immediate threat to the health and safety of the nearby population while investigations and activities are being planned for final cleanup of the site.

## Site Repository

Not yet established.

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